

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 4, 2004

**FROM:** PETER R. HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden  
San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

**SUBJECT:** ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL  
FOR HAZARDOUS TREE REDUCTION PROGRAM

**RECOMMENDATION:** Acting as the governing body of the County Service Area 70, San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District (County Fire):

1. Authorize acceptance of an assortment of tools (\$7,249 value) and funding (\$19,163), collectively valued at approximately \$26,412, from the Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council, in connection with the Hazardous Tree Reduction Program.
2. Authorize the Auditor/Controller-Recorder to adjust Fiscal Year 2003/2004 revenues and appropriations as follows (4 Votes Required):

| Description                    | Accounting Codes | Amount   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Increase Revenue               | SKX 106 140 9945 | \$19,163 |
| Increase Services and Supplies | SKX 106 140 2000 | \$19,163 |

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Fire Safe Councils (FSC) are comprised of concerned citizens who actively reach out to their local communities to educate and inform them on various fire topics in preparation for wildfires and to reduce the risks to their communities, homes and property, and maximize the health of California's natural resources. The Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council (ACFSC), a nonprofit public benefit corporation, has made it their priority to focus their energy and attention on the communities of greater Lake Arrowhead. The ACFSC plans educational events, seminars, town hall meetings and many other community type programs and events throughout the year. The ACFSC also serves as the community liaison between residents and agencies of forest and fire organizations.

In 2003, the ACFSC was successful in securing \$100,000 in grant funding for their community from the Bureau Land Management (BLM), Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant Program. In the ACFSC's continuous effort to support and collaborate with local fire representatives, they have elected to donate equipment and grant funding to County Fire to assist with the Hazardous Tree Reduction Program. This donation includes equipment valued at \$7,249 (2 chain saws and 1 log splitter) and \$19,163 in grant funding for slash removal.

Approval of these recommendations will authorize County Fire's acceptance of donated equipment and funding, collectively valued at \$26,412, from the Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council and adjusts the County Fire Hazardous Tree Reduction Program budget (FY 2003/04 revenue and appropriations) by \$19,163. The donated equipment and funding will enhance County Fire's efforts in reducing hazardous fuels resulting in safer and healthier communities in Greater Lake Arrowhead and continues the vital working relationship between County Fire and the ACFSC.

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**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (L. Thomas Krahelski, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5436) on April 26, 2004 and the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on April 26, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The equipment and funding, collectively valued at \$26,412, are being donated to County Fire, for the Hazardous Tree Reduction Program, at no cost to County Fire. County Fire's FY 2003/04 budget (SKX 106 140 9945) will be adjusted to include grant funding, in the amount of \$19,163. County Fire's budget for FY 2004/05 will have sufficient appropriations for the on-going maintenance and operation of the donated equipment.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** Third

**PRESENTER:** Peter R. Hills, (909) 387-5948